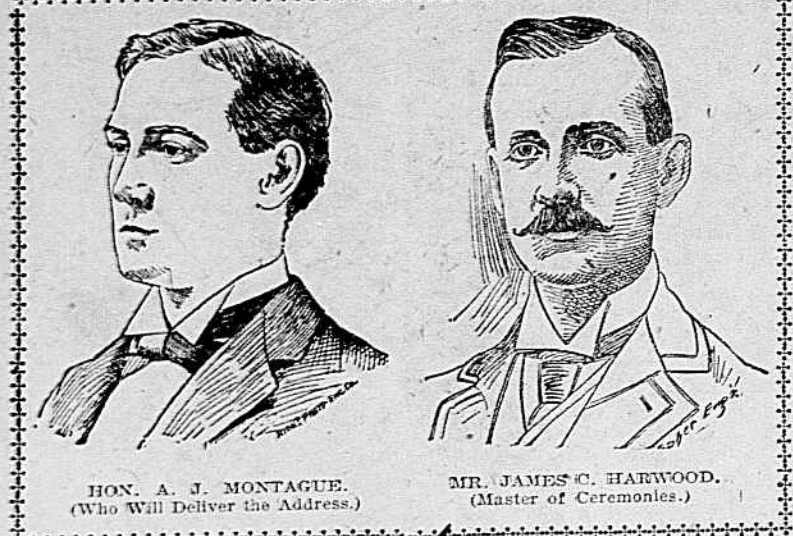


TO PLACE FLOWERS ON THE GRAVES OF HEROES WHO SLEEP IN OAKWOOD



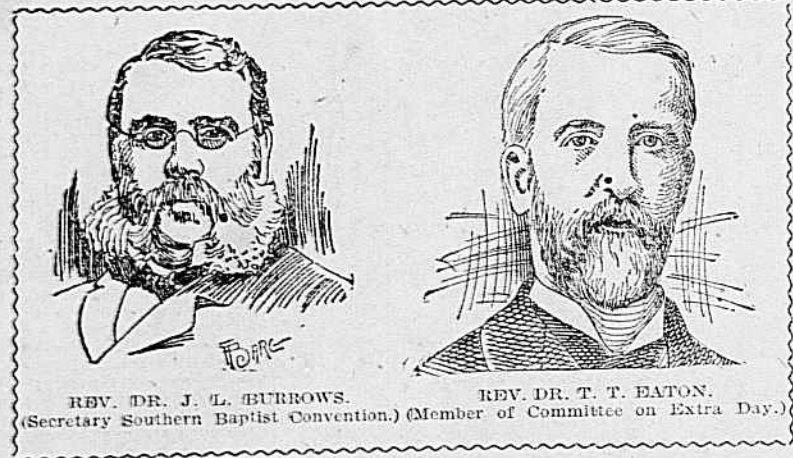
The Annual Memorial Ceremonies to Be of an Imposing Character This Year and Many Organizations Will Do Honor to the Memory of the Veterans.

All arrangements for the celebration on May 10th of the Oakwood Memorial Association and the Junior Auxiliary have been perfected and the ceremonies on that occasion will be as imposing as ever. The ladies have been indefatigable in their efforts and have left nothing undone which can in any way add to the beauty and impressiveness of the occasion.

THE ORGANIZATION.
The Oakwood Memorial Association was formed April 19, 1896, with only a handful of members at that time. It has grown until now it has a membership of something like 200 and has the care of the graves of 16,000 Confederate soldiers.

BIG GATHERING OF BAPTISTS TO BE HELD THIS WEEK AT HOT SPRINGS

This Will Be the First Time the Southern Convention Has Assembled West of the Mississippi River—Exercises Appropriate to the End of the Century Will Be Inaugurated.



The Southern Baptist Convention will meet on Friday, May 11th, in its fifty-fifth session at Hot Springs, Ark. Never before has the Convention met within the confines of Arkansas. Indeed, since its organization, in 1845, the body has never gone west of the Mississippi, but five times—four sessions having been held in Texas and one in Missouri. In conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention several other meetings will be held. There is a B. Y. P. U. conference the day before the Convention, which is informal and not largely attended. The American Baptist Educational Society is national in its scope and work, and so meets one year in the north and the next in the south. This year it comes south. It is through this society that Mr. Rockefeller made his first great gifts to the Chicago University.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.
The Foreign Mission Board will make a fine report this year. Last year it reported 800 baptisms, the largest number it has ever reported. This year the number is still higher, reaching certainly 1200. The indications are that the report of the Board will show that the increase asked for has been made.

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Engineer Gates Relates Some of His Experiences.

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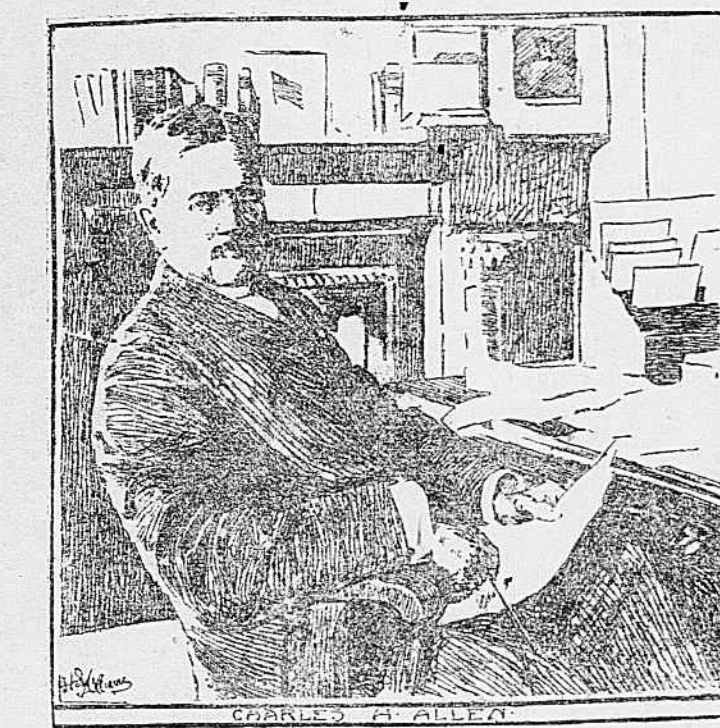
Had as His Pet "Old Number 30," A Relic of the Famous Thaxton Wreck, Which Now Draws the "Cannonball."

The fastest train in the South is No. 45 and 46, known as the "Cannonball," which makes a round trip daily over the Norfolk and Western line between Richmond and Norfolk. This train, while running, which is about as fast as an engine can do with the train it carries, but when there is time to be made up, she is called upon to do better, and has proved herself equal to the task. Captain Robert Echols, conductor on the train, says he has known an indicator on the cars to startle the passengers by mechanically announcing that they were leaving their friends and relatives behind at the rate of seventy-six miles an hour. "Cannonball" has ever run, but that great speed is reached at some time during every week, particularly if there is any lost time to be made up.

ENGINE WITH A HISTORY.
The engine that pulls the "Cannonball" is No. 20 and 21, a Baldwin locomotive, with 68-inch wheel, built high and for attaining speed. Engine No. 20 has a history. When No. 20 was brought new, with her new train, she was running on the Baldwin Locomotive Works, she was taken to the western division of the road, and there for several years was the fastest passenger engine in service, drawing the vestibule limited from Bristol, the western terminus of the line to Lynchburg, over the mountain grades and across the high bridges which span the picturesque streams of Southwestern Virginia.

So she continued in service for several years until the terrible night of the Thaxton wreck, when she was pulling that ill-fated train, which plunged into the mud, muddied floods of a swollen mountain stream, causing death and destruction in the most terrible wreck ever known in the State. After this disaster, No. 20 was in the repair shop for some time, but being thoroughly overhauled and repaired she was again put in service and is now on the fastest run on the road.

A special from Pensacola says: The recent visit here of General Russell A. Alger and Colonel W. D. Mann, representing a Michigan syndicate, to inspect the timber lands and mill interests of Martin H. Sullivan, the millionaire mill owner of this city, has resulted in a deal in which \$2,000,000 is the money consideration.



OUR NEW GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO, CHARLES ALLEN.

NEW GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO

Governor Charles H. Allen will Wear Well With the Inhabitants of Our New Country.

The man of the hour is former Assistant Secretary of the Navy Charles H. Allen, of Massachusetts. And it is not because Colonel Allen is the first man to be entrusted with the installation of the new government in Porto Rico that he is now so prominently in the public eye; not at all. His prominence is only the tardy recognition of the efficient services which he rendered as right-hand man to Secretary of Navy Long during the crisis through which our country has recently passed.

And Mr. Allen's appointment is by no means to be regarded as a reward for these services. In choosing a man to establish the new government in the island, the President McKinley had in mind the appointment of a person of affairs and of sound business experience, both of which are very potent requirements in the administration of the affairs of an entirely new government.

It was not until 1874 that Colonel Allen identified himself with the cause of the Republic. During the intervening years he had served in the war, which he entered as a plain soldier and left as a Colonel. On his return home he was elected a member of the Lowell School Committee and served as a sergeant of the militia. In 1882 he was elected to the State Senate over the Hon. Jeremiah Crowley, by a margin so narrow that a recount of the votes was necessary to determine the result.

In 1884 and again in 1886 he was elected to Congress. At the expiration of his second term the senator Mr. Allen, who was at that time eighty years of age, felt too greatly the responsibility of the great lumber firm of which he was proprietor and owner, so he retired from active political life to assume the management of his father's business.

But this retirement was of short duration. Mr. Allen had so associated himself with the public life of Lowell that his fame had consistently spread. When the Republicans of Massachusetts were looking around for a Governor in 1891 they selected Charles Herbert Allen, of Lowell, for the place. He accepted the nomination, but was defeated by William E. Russell, the Democratic nominee.

President, but the entire Cabinet. In speaking of his appointment, Mr. Allen says:

HIS OWN WORDS.
"I regard this tender in the spirit in which it is made as a great compliment, although its acceptance means undertaking great responsibilities."

"My own inclination and my personal interests urge me to decline, but one should not always choose the easy way. There is a patriotic duty sometimes to be performed."

"My effort will be to administer the government provided by Congress in such a manner as to command and hold the confidence of the people, to help them so far as I may, to realize the best there is in them, to assist them in the development of the island along the lines which made us such a prosperous nation. My deep regret is leaving the Navy Department. My service there has been one of the happiest and most profitable of my life."

In his tastes and enjoyments, Colonel Allen may be described as a man-sided man. His particular hobby, however, is music. He has made many experiments along this line, but none of them are known, unless it be an essence for a popular summer beverage which has quite an extensive sale throughout the country.

As a musician Mr. Allen has very pleasantly identified himself with Washington society. In the Allen apartments in one of the fashionable hotels of the Capital, the most enjoyable "At Home" have been given throughout the season, at which Mr. Allen with his "cello," accompanied by his daughters at the piano and violin, afforded the afternoon's entertainment.

He is also a clever amateur photographer, and was the first person in Lowell to possess a hand camera. For charitable purposes in his native city, Colonel Allen has painted pictures for panoramas and delivered humorous lectures as well as a social standpoint. He is also a man of religious convictions and belongs to the Congregational Church of Lowell.

In appearance, Colonel Allen is good-looking, with a finely shaped nose, graced by a very becoming pair of eye-glasses. He is above the average in height, with athletic build and the general appearance of a wide-awake business man. He is a member of the leading clubs of Lowell, also the Union Club, of Boston, and the University Club, of New York.

FIELD DAY AT THE COLLEGE

Many Contestants Entered in the Various Events.

RECORD BREAKING EXPECTED

Numerous Prizes Have Been Offered and Good Athletic Exhibition Promised All Who May Attend.

The annual Field-Day of Richmond College will take place on the College campus next Friday, May 11th. Over thirty boys have entered the various contests and a record-breaking day is expected.

Roy White, who won the all-around medal in 1898, is back at college and expects to make some more records for himself. It will be interesting to know that White holds the record of Virginia and Maryland for the 100-yard dash.

Marshall Frayer has been showing up fine in practice and will undoubtedly carry off some of the prizes.

J. W. Commack is fine at jumping and promises to become one of the finest athletes in college.

Among the others who are showing up well is G. Frayer, Yale, Spencer, Taylor, Harlowe and Lee. The gymnasium instructor, Mr. W. G. Williams, has been training the boys hard for the last two weeks and says that the coming field day will be as good, if not better, than any in the history of the College.

The game of basketball played on this occasion should look forward to with much pleasure, both by the visitors and students. The one time-promises to be especially good. Commack and Oliver, the two captains, have been busily engaged for the last few evenings in coaching their teams. Both are expected to win. The following are the events and prizes offered.

Tennis Singles—First prize, medal given by C. H. Phillips; Second prize, Racket given by H. H. Elphinstone.

Tennis Doubles—First prize, Photos, given by Homer & Clark; Second prize, Photos given by Carbon Studio.

Gymnasium Drill—First prize, Medal given by B. F. Johnson; Second prize, Medal by C. H. Ryland.

Three-legged Race—"Soldiers," given by annual Association.

Pole Vault—First prize, Smoking Jacket, given by Burk & Co.; Second prize, Cuff Buttons, given by Luntson & Co.

100-Yard Dash—First prize, Medal, given by H. Rheinheimer & Sons.

Putting Shot—Umbrella, given by L. Fellheimer.

100-Yard Dash—First prize, Medal, given by H. Rheinheimer & Sons.

Throwing Ball—Fountain Pen, given by Hunter & Co.

Half-Mile Run—Rocking Chair, Sydnor & Humbley.

Hurdle Race—First prize, Sweater, given by O. H. Berry; Second prize, Silver Pen.

Running Broad Jump—First prize, Sweater, given by T. W. Tignor's Sons; Second prize, Gold Scarf Pin, given by Jahake & Co.

Quarter-Mile Run—Cards and Plate, given by Bell Bros. and Stationery Co.

Champion Race—Gallon of Ice-Cream, given by W. C. Schmidt.

Most Popular Contestant—Roses, given by Mann & Brown.

Recommended the Extension.

The Council Committee on Water met at the office of Mr. C. W. Tanner, who at the Council, yesterday and recommended that 10-inch pipes be run into the Locust Works and the Rosebank Brewery, for purposes of fire protection.

Those present were Messrs. Tanner, Whitte, Foster, Mills, Whalen and Thompson.

The sub-committee on entertainments of the delegates to the Committee of Superintendents of Water Works held a short session, but did nothing of general interest.

The Common Council will meet on Monday night in regular session.

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings will meet in the City Hall at 6 o'clock on Monday.

Thirty-Five Applications.

The Pension Board met in the office of Chairman D. C. Richardson yesterday morning, and passed upon about thirty-five applications. The board will meet again next Saturday.